

Appl. No. : 09/315,292
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REMARKS

Applicants have amended the first paragraph of the specification to delete a portion of the priority claim submitted in an amendment first filed on May 21, 2001, resubmitted with a RCE on December 18, 2001, and entered by the Office in an Office Action dated August 25, 2003. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, in the specification as filed at page 1, lines 4-7.

Applicants note that the Examiner has never acknowledged that the Application is entitled to priority from Serial No. 07/794,396 filed on November 19, 1991, Serial No. 08/227,180 filed on April 13, 1994, or Serial No. 07/801,168 filed on November 29, 1991. Rather, the Examiner continued to reject the claims over references published 1996- 1998: Nyce et al. (WO 96/40266), Nicklin et al. (WO 98/09633) and Levesque et al. (Mol. Pharm. 1997, 51:209-216). *See Office Action dated June 29, 2011* at page 3. Thus, cancelation of the claim of priority from Serial No. 07/794,396 filed on November 19, 1991, Serial No. 08/227,180 filed on April 13, 1994, and Serial No. 07/801,168 filed on November 29, 1991, does not require an additional prior art search.

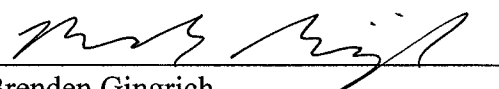
Applicants therefore request entry of the above amendment.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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